## REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE CAMPBELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2009 TAXES

For The Period April 16, 2009 Through April 15, 2010



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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE CAMPBELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2009 TAXES

## For The Period April 16, 2009 Through April 15, 2010

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the Sheriff's Settlement - 2009 Taxes for the Campbell County Sheriff for the period April 16, 2009 through April 15, 2010. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

## **Financial Condition:**

The Sheriff collected taxes of \$44,844,783 for the districts for 2009 taxes, retaining commissions of \$1,418,402 to operate the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff distributed taxes of \$43,298,543 to the districts for 2009 taxes. Taxes of \$1,335 are due to the districts from the Sheriff.

#### **Deposits:**

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities.

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To the People of Kentucky
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Jonathan Miller, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
Honorable Steve Pendery, Campbell County Judge/Executive
Honorable John Dunn, Campbell County Sheriff
Members of the Campbell County Fiscal Court

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

We have audited the Campbell County Sheriff's Settlement - 2009 Taxes for the period April 16, 2009 through April 15, 2010. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Campbell County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Campbell County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 16, 2009 through April 15, 2010, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated September 17, 2010 on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to



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provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

Crit Luallen

**Auditor of Public Accounts** 

September 17, 2010

431 \$

## CAMPBELL COUNTY JOHN DUNN, SHERIFF SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2009 TAXES

For The Period April 16, 2009 Through April 15, 2010

				Special				
Charges	Cor	unty Taxes	Tax	ing Districts	Sc	hool Taxes	Sta	ate Taxes
Real Estate	\$	6,398,558	\$	9,977,435	\$	18,908,785	\$	6,295,355
Tangible Personal Property		525,988		602,092		999,687		952,524
Increases Through Exonerations		2,571		4,428		9,729		2,577
Franchise Taxes		488,600		560,043		1,037,709		
Penalties		21,813		31,548		62,674		21,771
Adjusted to Sheriff's Receipt		515		2,661		7,034		617
Gross Chargeable to Sheriff		7,438,045		11,178,207		21,025,618		7,272,844
Credits								
Exonerations		19,730		31,474		54,828		21,023
Discounts		120,802		184,793		346,815		125,343
Delinquents:								
Real Estate		87,872		112,059		240,480		86,455
Tangible Personal Property		7,578		6,394		5,982		10,235
Franchise Taxes		147,431		154,437		306,200		
Total Credits		383,413		489,157		954,305		243,056
Taxes Collected		7,054,632		10,689,050		20,071,313		7,029,788
Less: Commissions *		299,822		318,031		501,783		298,766
Taxes Due		6,754,810		10,371,019		19,569,530		6,731,022
Taxes Paid		6,731,768		10,335,663		19,514,520		6,716,592
Refunds (Current and Prior Year)		22,592		34,909		54,579		14,423
Due Districts or (Refunds								
Due Sheriff) as of				**				

<sup>\*</sup> and \*\* See Next Page.

Completion of Audit

450 \$

447 \$

\$

CAMPBELL COUNTY JOHN DUNN, SHERIFF SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2009 TAXES For The Period April 16, 2009 Through April 15, 2010 (Continued)

## \* Commissions:

4.25%	on	\$ 20,581,066
2.5%	on	\$ 20,071,313
1%	on	\$ 4.192.404

## \*\* Special Taxing Districts:

Library District	\$ 214
Health District	39
Extension District	77
Fire District #1	69
Fire District #5	 48

#### Due Districts or

(Refunds Due Sheriff) \$ 447

## CAMPBELL COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 15, 2010

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Fund Accounting

The Sheriff's office tax collection duties are limited to acting as an agent for assessed property owners and taxing districts. A fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of taxes. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

#### B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting. Basis of accounting refers to when charges, credits, and taxes paid are reported in the settlement statement. It relates to the timing of measurements regardless of the measurement focus.

Charges are sources of revenue which are recognized in the tax period in which they become available and measurable. Credits are reductions of revenue which are recognized when there is proper authorization. Taxes paid are uses of revenue which are recognized when distributions are made to the taxing districts and others.

#### C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

#### Note 2. Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as required by KRS 66.480(1) (d). According to KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution.

CAMPBELL COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT April 15, 2010 (Continued)

#### Note 2. Deposits (Continued)

#### Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the Sheriff's deposits may not be returned. The Sheriff does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk but rather follows the requirements of KRS 41.240(4). As of April 15, 2010, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

#### Note 3. Tax Collection Period

The real and personal property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2009. Property taxes were billed to finance governmental services for the year ended June 30, 2009. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was October 5, 2009 through April 15, 2010.

#### Note 4. Interest Income

The Campbell County Sheriff earned \$1,601 as interest income on 2009 taxes. The Sheriff distributed the appropriate amount to the school district as required by statute, and the remainder was used to operate the Sheriff's office.

#### Note 5. Sheriff's 10% Add-On Fee

The Campbell County Sheriff collected \$106,997 of 10% add-on fees allowed by KRS 134.430(3). This amount was used to operate the Sheriff's office.

#### Note 6. Unrefundable Duplicate Payments And Unexplained Receipts

The Sheriff deposited unrefundable duplicate payments and unexplained receipts in an interest-bearing account. The Sheriff's escrowed amounts were as follows:

2006	\$ 973
2007	\$ 3,108
2008	\$ 2,724

KRS 393.090 states that after three years, if the funds have not been claimed, they are presumed abandoned, and abandoned funds are required to be sent to the Kentucky State Treasurer by KRS 393.110. The Sheriff did not send a written report to the Treasury Department for or submit \$973 for tax year 2006 to the Kentucky State Treasurer as required by KRS 393.110.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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The Honorable Steve Pendery, Campbell County Judge/Executive Honorable John Dunn, Campbell County Sheriff Members of the Campbell County Fiscal Court

> Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the Campbell County Sheriff's Settlement - 2009 Taxes for the period April 16, 2009 through April 15, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated September 17, 2010. The Sheriff prepares his financial statement in accordance with a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Campbell County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Campbell County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be decencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.



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Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards (Continued)

## **Compliance And Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Campbell County Sheriff's Settlement - 2009 Taxes for the period April 16, 2009 through April 15, 2010, is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Campbell County Fiscal Court, others within the entity, and the Department for Local Government and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Crit Luallen

**Auditor of Public Accounts** 

September 17, 2010